



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 10/03/2005
Inspector Name Hayley Lapworth

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Little Folks Day Nursery
Setting Address Westward Close
Birmingham
West Midlands
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

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ORGANISATION DETAILS

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ABOUT THE INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality and standard of day care. When making judgements, inspectors have regard to how well the provider meets the National Standards for under Eights Day Care and Childminding. A list of these is attached. The report identifies strengths and areas for improvement.

This inspection report must be made available to all parents.

Information about the setting

Little Folks Nursery was opened in 2004. It operates from a purpose built premise in the Kingstanding area of Birmingham. The nursery opens five days a week throughout the year. Sessions are from 07:30 - 18:00. Little Folks is a Neighbourhood Nursery.

There are currently 46 children on roll aged 0 to 5 years. Children attend a variety of sessions. There are 7 staff who work directly with the children, 5 of whom hold early years qualifications. The Nursery currently supports children who have special needs and children who speak English as an additional language.

How good is the Day Care?

Little Folks Day Nursery provides satisfactory care for children. There is a registration system in place showing staff and children present, however this needs to be efficiently maintained. Management and staff have good experience and are suitably qualified. There are very good resources for babies and children ensuring their individual needs are met. There is documentation including policies and procedures, which enhance the running of the service although some of these, need updating and all need to be available to parents.

The nursery provides good security and visitors are monitored keeping the children safe, however an amendment needs to be addressed with regard to fire procedures. Some staff are suitably qualified in first aid ensuring children receive appropriate care, however there is no parental consent in place at present in relation to emergency medical treatment. Effective personal hygiene procedures are in place enhancing the children's independence. Cultural diversity is represented through the staff team and good resources promoting positive images are presented throughout the nursery ensuring all children feel valued. Staff have good understanding of equality and experience of working with children with special needs, which provides consistency of care. The staff have sufficient understanding of child protection, staff are aware of their individual responsibilities maintaining the welfare of the children.

Good behaviour is recognised and effective praise is in place enabling children to be confident in their surroundings. Children are happy and are provided with a balance of opportunities, they engage in conversations with staff and relate well to one another enhancing their overall development.

There are partnerships with parents, which have positive benefits to individual children.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable, as this is the first inspection.

What is being done well?

- The resources depicting positive images are good and children have access to activities to enable their understanding of differences, children also have access to resources, which teach them about life experiences.
- Staff work alongside other professionals in relation to special needs and are suitably trained to ensure children's individual needs are identified and met.

What needs to be improved?

- the system of registration of children
- the display of procedure to be followed in the event of a fire
- parental consent in the event of emergency medical treatment or advice
- updating of policies and procedures and their availability to parents.

PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS (This section applies only to inspections carried out from September 2004. The complaint record relates to complaints from the last inspection or 1st April 2004 whichever is later.)

There are no complaints to report.

Outcome of the inspection

Satisfactory

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

All registered persons must comply with all conditions of registration included on his/her certificate of registration.

As a result of this inspection conditions of registration have been imposed / varied / removed and a new certificate of registration will be issued.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE NEXT?

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations

by the time of the next inspection	
Std	Recommendation
6	Ensure clear fire procedures are displayed in all areas used by staff, visitors and children.
7	Ensure parental signatures are obtained in the even emergency medical treatment or advice.
12	Ensure all policies are kept updated and made easily available to parents.
2	Ensure the registration system is well maintained and clearly shows children present.

SUMMARY OF NATIONAL STANDARDS

STANDARD 1 - SUITABLE PERSON

Adults providing day care, looking after children or having unsupervised access to them are suitable to do so.

STANDARD 2 - ORGANISATION

The registered person meets required adult: child ratios, ensures that training and qualifications requirements are met and organises space and resources to meet the children's needs effectively.

STANDARD 3 - CARE, LEARNING AND PLAY

The registered person meets children's individual needs and promotes their welfare. They plan and provide activities and play opportunities to develop children's emotional, physical, social and intellectual capabilities.

STANDARD 4 - PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

The premises are safe, secure and suitable for their purpose. They provide adequate space in an appropriate location, are welcoming to children and offer access to the necessary facilities for a range of activities which promote their development.

STANDARD 5 - EQUIPMENT

Furniture, equipment and toys are provided which are appropriate for their purpose and help to create an accessible and stimulating environment. They are of suitable design and condition, well maintained and conform to safety standards.

STANDARD 6 - SAFETY

The registered person takes positive steps to promote safety within the setting and on outings and ensures proper precautions are taken to prevent accidents.

STANDARD 7 - HEALTH

The registered person promotes the good health of children and takes positive steps to prevent the spread of infection and appropriate measures when they are ill.

STANDARD 8 - FOOD AND DRINK

Children are provided with regular drinks and food in adequate quantities for their needs. Food and drink is properly prepared, nutritious and complies with dietary and religious requirements.

STANDARD 9 - EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The registered person and staff actively promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice for all children.

STANDARD 10 - SPECIAL NEEDS (INCLUDING SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES)

The registered person is aware that some children may have special needs and is

proactive in ensuring that appropriate action can be taken when such a child is identified or admitted to the provision. Steps are taken to promote the welfare and development of the child within the setting in partnership with the parents and other relevant parties.

STANDARD 11 - BEHAVIOUR

Adults caring for children in the provision are able to manage a wide range of children's behaviour in a way which promotes their welfare and development.

STANDARD 12 - WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS AND CARERS

The registered person and staff work in partnership with parents and to meet the needs of the children, both individually and as a group. Information is shared.

STANDARD 13 - CHILD PROTECTION

The registered person complies with local child protection procedures approved by the Area Child Protection Committee and ensures that all adults working and looking after children in the provision are able to put the procedures into practice.

STANDARD 14 - DOCUMENTATION

Records, policies and procedures which are required for the efficient and safe management of the provision, or to promote the welfare, care and learning of children are maintained. Records about individual children are shared with the child's parent.